

AMERICANS IN PARIS

Personal Experiences in Warlocked Paris. Extracts from Letters of Miss Magdalena Stukeley to Friends in Fulton County.

To all our readers the personal experiences of an American woman in Paris during these days of warfare will be of special interest; the letters were not written for publication but nevertheless they are filled with accounts of daily life in the great French metropolis which cannot fail to interest those of us who are sympathizing with the great masses of people in the European countries who must bear the hardships, privations and suffering incident to war.

Through the courtesy of Mrs. E. P. Ames, sister of the writer, we are privileged to print extracts from these letters. Those who have an acquaintance with Miss Stukeley, who is a teacher in Hiram College and who has visited in Wauseon will be doubly interested in reading her letters. There is a possibility that Miss Stukeley may be prevailed upon to tell of her experiences in public gathering on her return to Wauseon.

Hotel Soufflot, Paris, Aug. 7, 1914. "It is difficult to write you any sort of satisfactory letter yet today there has been such an unsettled state of affairs. We Americans are the most fortunate foreigners in Paris unless we can include the English and Russians. The poor Germans and Austrians here that failed to leave France as ordered by this government are deported to isolated localities where they are fed and guarded. One afternoon I spent getting a certificate of birth from the American Consul in Paris, the next forenoon I stood in a jammed line three hours to present it to the French Prefecture of Police to be under the protection of France then that along with a certificate of residence from my hotel landlord had to be countersigned by the Prefect of Police of this Arrondissement. I stood in a very long line eight or more deep, 6 hours during two heavy rain showers to get this signed so I could live in Paris. All foreigners were subjected to similar treatment now I can go and come as I please in France or leave when my hosts come. I see only papers published in France and in England but from the fact that the nations are against Germany and Austria, I judge they must be at fault. All France of course is in a state of siege. Almost all our able bodied men have gone to the front. The streets are empty, automobiles, vehicles of all sorts have left Paris and others are still leaving. Many streets have closed nearly all their stores, and the few that are open have only older men and women to wait on their trade. I never dreamed such a change could take place. The schools for foreigners are all closed. Public schools have reopened. Of course the "Institute Francaise" in which I studied seven weeks is closed and its head man too elderly for war and his wife too old to be a German name, Switzerland, has gone to the country. I am still taking private lessons with a Frenchman, Prof. Dr. Barre, but his lessons are not to the country and can not get back because the railroads are reserved for military transportation. I begin with another French girl this evening, she is changing English and French. I must attend to an application for ship passage with the American ships when they come. I must see to that and getting my name in the New York Herald this afternoon, so you see I shall be safe here for the present. I hope to be home by the end of August and if possible have that Reunion on Sept. 4th if that suits you all. Nothing certain however. The ships ought to be here in two weeks. I hope Mrs. (Prof.) Wilson will get well, and that the U. S. can be of help in establishing peace. The poor mothers and fathers that have to give up sons, I have seen more and more faces within a few days than ever before. The streets have been red and blue leaving. All night and all day they sing and cheer their country as they leave. I am not buying anything more to carry home for we may not be able to get the little we have to the station.

"We are having plenty to eat, and if all goes well I have money enough of cheques enough to do me. I have been able to get cash when I needed it. I have two 50 franc (\$50) bills, that I may have a little trouble to get changed into coins but I have no fear. As long as France and America are friends we are safe in Paris. It is not at all likely that the enemy can force its way into Paris because of the frontier fortifications. I hope to see you all very soon.

Lots of love to all.

MAGDALENA STUKELEY.

Student Hostel, 98 Blvd. St. Michel, Paris, France, Aug. 11th, 1914.

We are in severe times these days I visited a place where women are learning to bandage wounded soldiers. Many will soon be brought into Paris. All soldiers, French, English and Belgian alike, are to be cared for here. The increased attendance due largely to the new school for superintendents and the home-makers courses which were offered for the first time this year. The courses proved so satisfactory that they will be given again next year.

The new school year will open on September 15, at which time an enrollment of over 5,000 students is expected.

FRAZIER-JONES.

Mr. Rollo S. Frazier and Miss Norma A. Jones were joined in matrimony Tuesday morning August 25th.

Rev. J. A. Wharton pastor of the Christian church officiated and the ceremony was performed at his home 130 N. Franklin street.

These young people will reside on a farm near Ottokree. A host of friends extend warm wishes to them as they begin life's journey together.

BERKEBILE REUNION

Nearly one hundred members of the Berkebile family met on Saturday, August 22nd, 1914, at the pleasant home of Mr. and Mrs. Philip Coy, Swanton, Ohio, to hold their sixth annual reunion. The weather was ideal and the reunion, marked by an elaborate dinner and an interesting program was a pronounced success. The reunionists spent the morning hours in a social way.

The program of the afternoon included singing by the audience, "Blest be the Tie that Binds," and addresses by the Rev. Stephen Berkebile, song by Genevieve Berkebile, recitation by Clara and Dale Berkebile, Alberta Coy, Ruth McKimney and Laverne Berkebile.

A brief session was held when the following officers were elected: Pres. Sam Berkebile, of Delta, Ohio; Vice Pres. Francis Berkebile, of Wauseon, Ohio; Secy. Miss Kathryn Schamp, of Toledo, Ohio; Treasurer, H. G. Schamp, of Delta, Ohio.

It was decided to hold the next reunion at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Jacob Berkebile, of Delta, Ohio.

Those present from a distance were Mr. Joseph Berkebile, of Pittsburg, Pa.; Mr. and Mrs. Blair Coy, of Conemaugh, Pa.; Rev. Stephen Berkebile, of Jewell, Ohio; Mrs. Hannah Blaich, of Johnstown, Pa.; and Mr. and Mrs. Ray, of Beaverton, Mich.

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COUNTY AFFAIRS

Orders Drawn, Land Deals, New Cases in Court, Marriage Licenses, Probate Court, Etc.

Real Estate Transfers. Daniel M. Tramm and wife to Fred Childs and Rosa Childs, one-fourth acre, Delta, O., 150. The Delta Building and R. E. Co. to Mary Winslow, lot 60, Oakwood addition, Delta, 31.

George W. Cameron and wife to Geo. W. De Long, 20 acres, section 6, Pike township, \$2400.

Sebastian Brindley to James Bryant, lots 1-2-48-49 and 50, H. S. Bassett, second addition, Swanton, \$400.

Fannie Luthy to Stephen Luthy, 40 acres, section 16, Swan Creek township, \$1.

Stephen Luthy to Fannie Luthy, 120 acres, section 16, Swan Creek township, \$1.

Probate Court. Guardianship of Estelle B. Wagoner, second partial account confirmed.

Estate of Pernela Salisbury, final account confirmed.

Estate of Mary E. Harriott, first and final account confirmed.

Estate of John F. McBride, application for letters of administration filed. Bond filed and letters of administration issued to Charles J. Boswell and O. M. Bralley, Geo. E. Ackerman and D. E. Corbin are appointed appraisers.

Will of Peter Otten filed for probate, notices issued, hearing set for August 26th, 1914, 10 o'clock a. m.

Estate of Nelson E. Bolles, proof of publication and notice of appointment filed.

Will of Maria Winsler, statement in lieu of final account filed. Hearing set for September 21st, 1914.

Estate of William P. Cowan, final account filed. Hearing set for Sept. 21st, 1914.

Guardianship of Adam Nofziger, additional bond in sum of \$1000.00 filed.

Will of Charles A. Salsbery, application for letters of administration filed. Bond filed and letters of administration issued to John M. Chamberlin and George Atkinson, Rance Nash and Charles Ginery appointed appraisers.

Will of Melissa E. Geesey admitted to probate and record.

Marriage Licenses. Frederick E. Crumrine, farmer 24, Fayette and Ada L. Wise, 30 Fayette, Ohio.

Harry H. Lawrence, 24, farmer, Lyons, and Carrie E. Crepps, 18, Lyons, Ohio.

Glen D. Cramble, 22, farmer, Delta, and Emma C. Taylor, 17, Delta, O.

Amos B. Twiss, teacher and Helen L. Stebbins, both of Lyons, Ohio.

James Bert Johnson, 21, farmer, Oak Shade and Orla E. Markley, 18, Wauseon, Ohio.

New Cases in Common Pleas Court. E. H. Conkle vs. E. S. Bay, and S. O. Rothfuss action for money, amount claimed, \$500.

Warrants Drawn. W. H. Lambert member Bd. Election 75.00

Charles Eastman, same 104.25

Edward Standish & Hatt, sup. 22.00

Roll Hoy, primary election 22.00

Elisabeth Krueger, mother's pension 8.00

John Grove, ditch work 4.00

E. Armstrong, same 20.25

N. W. Ohio C. Co., service 55.30

Harve Porter, ditch work 82.15

Peter Rittner, same 45.00

Hancock Brick & Tile Co. mat. 29.95

Geo. Porter, ditch work 61.65

Joe Short, same 64.00

Wynton-McCormick Co., bridge mat. 62.00

James McNamara, ditch work 112.50

Pitt National Bank, interest 12.50

Edward Yeater, ditch work 46.75

D. L. Rupp, same 42.75

Solter Horik Co., interest 61.00

Toledo & Indiana Ry. Co., light 20.00

Wauseon Hospital Ass'n., 700.00

Geising Chemical Co., sup. 20.00

Chas. Rice, bridge work 680.00

Joe Russell, ditch work 171.00

Chas. Rice, bridge work 600.00

Repub. County Tribune, sup. 23.25

Geising Chemical Co., sup. 135.00

Repub. County Tribune, sup. 14.00

Geising Chemical Co., sup. 36.25

BOYS DOINGS.

The Junior boys will meet at the boys' hall at 7 o'clock next Monday evening. Every member is requested to be present at this meeting.

The Intermediate Brotherhood boys will meet with the Senior boys at the boys' hall at 7 o'clock next Tuesday evening. Important business will come before this meeting and you should be present or phone Mr. lives.

No liniment equals Hanford's Balsam in its healing properties.

WHAT IT WOULD COST.

Citizens of Ohio are saved 21 cents per thousand dollars of tax valuation, by the saloons of the state; that is, it would cost each taxpayer 21 cents more on each \$1000 on which he pays taxes, to be rid of the saloons altogether and if all the deficiency had to be made up by an increased levy. These figures have been compiled by the state auditor's office at the request of the Ohio Anti-Saloon League.

Against this they contrast the fact that the per capita drink bill in the United States is \$21 per year and in a few old cents. This is from federal computations. In Kansas, where prohibition obtains, the per capita drink bill is \$1 and a few old cents. This includes alcoholic liquors of all forms, for whatever purpose used. Applying this saving of \$20 per capita to the 5,000,000 population of Ohio the estimated saving is given at \$100,000,000.

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